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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Office of the Director

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25 September 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: ACDA Relationship with the Intelligence Community

1. During the past three months, ACDA representatives have been in contact with NIOs, IC Staff members, the Chairman of JAEIC, and others, "lobbying" for ACDA interests. Basically, they have sought treatment of ACDA by the Intelligence Community as a separate agency rather than as a part of the Department of State. Their motivations appeared to be an amalgam of a genuine desire to improve intelligence support to ACDA and a measure of bureaucratic gamesmanship. These efforts culminated in a letter from the Director, ACDA, to the DCI, dated 10 September 1974, containing specific recommendations for action (Attachment 1).

2. In summary, ACDA desires:

a. Direct dissemination of intelligence material responsive to ACDA interest rather than through the Department of State, INR.

b. Direct liaison with producers to express ACDA requirements.

c. Participation as an observer in the deliberations of USIB committees and subcommittees on substantive and managerial issues in which ACDA has an interest. (This request is a fallback from ACDA's desire expressed informally, to participate directly in the preparation of substantive intelligence products.)

3. The actions by intelligence organizations called for in the proposed memorandum (Attachment 2) accommodate ACDA on items (2a.) and (b.) above, but do so only partially on item (2c.). This accords with the DCI's guidance in his cover note to Attachment 1. One variation from that guidance reflected in the proposed memorandum, Attachment 2, concerns 25X1

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the channel for ACDA communication with the Intelligence Community. The proposed memorandum calls for direct contact between ACDA and supporting intelligence organizations. The channel to the NIO for Strategic Programs would be for handling special substantive intelligence requirements. The involvement of the NIO/SP in routine communications between intelligence organizations and ACDA would cause delays and a heavy burden on the NIO.

4. It should be noted that intelligence producing organizations are already providing extensive support to ACDA through the dissemination of finished materials, often through INR, Department of State, as indicated by a review of dissemination of DDI products conducted in September 1974. ACDA interests are being taken into account in production programs of NIOs. Also, informal arrangements already exist for contacts with ACDA representatives by some intelligence committees.

5. Request your comments or concurrence in the proposed memorandums for signature of the DCI. (Attachments 2 and 3.) It would be appreciated if we could have your response by noon, 26 September 1974.

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Acting National Intelligence Officer
for Strategic Programs

Attachments:
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Walsir

This is a [] draft of a memo Colby is to send to USIB concerning a role for ACDA. When the matter first arose, EWP asked me to give Carver's shop the lengthy list of publications already sent to ACDA. This is reflected in para 4 of [] covering memo and in para 2 of the draft for Colby.

~~Note that they want our chop by noon tomorrow.~~
(the 26th)

25 September 1974
(DATE)